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Banks.

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INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE :—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP £800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS £800,000
RESERVE FUND £325,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.
" " " 6 " ... 3½ "
" " " 3 " ... 2½ "

T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1895. [53

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL $10,000,000
RESERVE FUND $ 5,750,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPTORS... $10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
A. McCONACHIE, Esq.—Chairman.
ST. C. MICHAELSEN, Esq.—Deputy Chairman.
Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving. | J. Kramer, Esq.
G. B. Dodwell, Esq. | D. R. Sassoon, Esq.
M. D. Ezekiel, Esq. | R. Shewan, Esq.
R. M. Gray, Esq. | N. A. Siebs, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:
Hongkong—T. JACKSON, Esq.
MANAGER:
Shanghai—J. P. WADE GARDNER, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.
HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent. per Annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3½ per Cent. per Annum
For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1896. [31

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of $100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [32

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000
Subscribed Capital £ 500,000

HEAD OFFICE :—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq. | ChowTung Shang, Esq.
H. Stolterfoht, Esq. | Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.

Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1895. [7

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED £1,125,000
PAID-UP £ 562,500

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON NEW FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 Months 4 per cent.
" 6 " 3½ "
" 3 " 2½ "

DEPOSITS RENEWED ON OLD TERMS.

J. W. R. TAYLOR,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1895. [8

Intimations.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1895.

CONTRIBUTORS to the above OFFICE are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a LIST of their CONTRIBUTIONS for the year ending 31st December, 1895, in order that the distribution of BONUS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st day of March, instant, will be adjusted by the Office, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1896. [456

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby informed that at the GENERAL MEETING held in LONDON recently a FINAL DIVIDEND of 3 Per Cent. was Declared on the Company's Preference Shares for the Six Months ending 31st December last, making 6 Per Cent. in all.

A DIVIDEND of 6 Per Cent. per Annum was also Declared on the Company's Ordinary Shares.

The DIVIDEND WARRANTS will be ready on the 12th March.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company are CLOSED from this date until the 12th March inclusive.

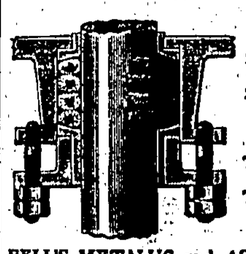
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Agents.

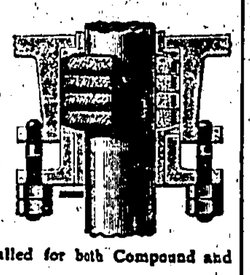
Hongkong, 4th March, 1896. [457

Intimations.

BELL'S ASBESTOS EASTERN AGENCY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG HOTEL—PRAYA.





Sole Eastern Agents for

SPHINCTOR GRIP ARMOURED HOSE.
SNOWDON, SONS & Co. "SNOWDRIFT" MANUFACTURER.
THE NEW WIRE WOVE ROOFING Co.
THE ALUMINIUM AND GENERAL FOUNDRY Co.

BELL'S METALLIC and ASBESTOS PACKINGS are unequalled for both Compound and Triple Expension Engines.

COTTON PARAGON PACKING, TUCK'S PACKING and all kinds of jointings kept in stock.

SPECIALLY MADE CLOTH FOR FILTERS. ENGINE AND CYLINDER OILS.

W. JACKSON, Manager.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1896. [30

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

GENERAL STORE-KEEPERS AND COMMISSION AGENTS.
SHIPCHANDLERY DEPARTMENT.

SIR CHAS. PRICE & Co.'s ENGINE and CYLINDER OILS.
ENGLEBERT'S CYLINDER OIL.
CRANE'S CYLINDER OIL.
VALVOLINE, CASTOR OIL, &c., &c.
TUCK'S GENUINE PATENT PACKING.
ASBESTOS PACKINGS of all kinds.
PARAGON PATENT PACKING.
ROPE, CANVAS, &c.
HUBBUCK'S PAINTS and VARNISHES.
HOLZAPFEL'S PATENT COMPOSITION, ANTI-CORROSIVE and ANTI-FOULING, for STEEL VESSELS.
SOAPSTONE ENAMEL COMPOSITIONS for HOLDS, BUNKERS and TOP-SIDES.
FRESH WATER SUPPLIED.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1896. [273

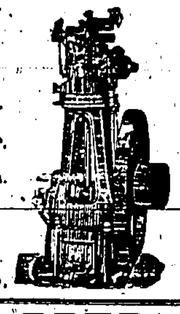
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OF 2 TO 12 H.P.
FOR FACTORIES AND LAUNCHES.

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WORKED BY ORDINARY PETROLEUM.

Consumption of Petroleum 1 lb. per H.P. and Hour

A Working Stationary Engine and a Launch with a 4 H.P. Engine will be shown and full particulars be given on application.

SCHEELE & CO., HONGKONG,
SOLE AGENTS FOR THE EAST.

47] NO PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER REQUIRED.

BRAUN'S "EXPORT" BEER

IS NOW SUPPLIED TO THE FOLLOWING HOTELS.
THE HONGKONG HOTELS,
THE NEW VICTORIA HOTEL,
BAY VIEW HOTEL,
THE PEAK HOTEL,
AND THE
VICTORIA HOTEL (CANTON).
Ask for it and be sure you get it.

THE SEATTLE BREWING & MALTING CO., CHINA-JAPAN AGENCY.
Head Office:—8, D'Aguilar Street, Hongkong.
For price and terms, apply to
THE MANAGER.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1896. [191d

MEALS

MONTHLY RATES FOR AT H.E. HOTEL

BREAKFAST	$12.00
TIFFIN	15.00
DINNER	20.00
ALL 3 MEALS	42.50

THE CLUB HOTEL,
5, *BUND, YOKOHAMA.*

HOTEL METROPOLE,
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FIRST-CLASS HOTELS, centrally situated, well-furnished, the Cuisine under the Supervision of approved French Chef has no equal. ENTIRE FOREIGN MANAGEMENT. Experienced English matron in attendance.

The Hotel steam-launch with European Agent attends arrivals and departures; every assistance given in clearing luggages and affording information. Passengers are met at the Railway Station.

VISITORS have the option of messing either in TOKYO or YOKOHAMA, without extra charge—THE ONLY HOTEL OFFERING SUCH AN ADVANTAGE. EUROPEAN HAIR DRESSER on the Premises.

Certified Guides are in attendance at both Hotels.

THE CLUB HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, PROPRIETORS.

E. V. SIOEN, Manager, *YOKOHAMA.* | L. DEWETTE, Manager, *TOKYO.* [160

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
SHANGHAI.....	*Kaisar-i-Hind*	C. L. Daniel	About 9th March.	Freight or Passage.
JAPAN, &c.	*Shanghai*	J. Cowie, R.N.R.	About 11th Mar.	Freight or Passage, (Passing through the Inland Sea.)
LONDON, &c. ...	*Mirzapore*..	...J. R. Lendon, R.N.R.	...Noon, 12th Mar...	See Special Advertisement.
STRAITS AND BOMBAY....	*Bokhara*.....	R. A. Peters	About 12th Mar.	Freight or Passage, (Calling at Colombo if sufficient inducement offers).
JAPAN, &c.	*Ancona*	W. D. Mudie.....	Noon, 13th Mar...	Freight or Passage, (Passing through the Inland Sea.)
LONDON	*Bombay*	R. J. Sleeman	About 19th March.	Freight or Passage.
LONLON	*Formosa*.....	E. P. Bishop	About 6th April ...	Freight or Passage.

For Further Particulars, apply to
ALF. WOOLLEY, Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1896. [431

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

FANCY NECESSITIES.

PHOTO ALBUMS,
PHOTO CASES,
WRITING CASES,
LETTER CASES,
CARD CASES.

SMOKERS CABINETS,
CIGARETTE CASES,
CIGAR CASES,
JEWELS BOXES,
SCENT BOTTLES.

QUITE FRESH AND VERY CHEAP.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1896 16

TRADE MARK. KIRIN BEER,

BREWED IN YOKOHAMA

BY THE

JAPAN BREWERY COMPANY, LIMITED.

PER CASE OF 4 doz. q'ts $10.00.
" " " 8 " pts $13.00.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,
SOLE AGENTS.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1896. [19

NOTICE.

GANDE PRICE & CO.,

(OF SHANGHAI.)



TRADE MARK. 洋行 源和 *Hong Name:—* YUEN WO.

WINE, SPIRIT, ALE, STOUT AND MINERAL WATER MERCHANTS,

HAVE OPENED A BRANCH HOUSE AT

TELEPHONE, No. 135.

No. 28, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

SAMPLES AND PRICE LISTS ON APPLICATION.

Hongkong, 29th February, 1896. [420

THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY,

Nos. 11, 13 and 15 Central Market.

TRY OUR.

VEAL SAUSAGES 25 Cents per lb.

BOLOGNA SAUSAGES 50 Cents per lb.

SHIPPING AND COAST PORT ORDERS WILL HAVE PROMPT ATTENTION.

J. TATAM,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1895. [49

FOR SALE.

G. H. MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

In cases of 2 doz. pints $35 per case.
do 1 " quarts $33 "

SHEWAN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1895. [33

MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.

1,100 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "EXCELSIOR," HONGKONG. A, B, C. Code.

TELEPHONE, No. 35.

THE TEMPERATURE IS AT LEAST 10 DEGREES COOLER THAN IN QUEEN'S ROAD.

TIFFIN AT 1 P.M. DINNER AT 8 P.M.

ARRANGEMENTS can be made for TIFFIN or DINNER PARTIES in PRIVATE DINING-ROOMS.

For further Particulars apply to
THE MANAGER,
MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.

Hongkong, 27th July, 1895. [28

HONGKONG TIMBER YARD, WANCHAI.

OREGON PINE SPARS and LUMBER Always on Hand.

L. MALLORY.

Hongkong, 24th July, 1895. [40

G. FALCONER & CO.,

WATCH and CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS and JEWELLERS. NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS and BOOKS.

No. 48, Queen's Road Central. [38

Insurances.

THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

has a long record of GOOD SERVICES to refer to; its FUNDS, annually increasing, amount to £8,086,402 Stg. The premiums are moderate; and all modern features consistent with safety have been adopted.

For Particulars and Rates,
Apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1896. [464

THE MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1824.

CAPITAL £2,000,000
TOTAL FUNDS AND SECURITY £2,480,053
NET ANNUAL FIRE PREMIA £ 757,478

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the above Company we are prepared to accept EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1896. [50

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [34

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED $1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST

Hongkong, 26th May, 1894. [247

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 EQUAL TO } $833,333.33
RESERVE FUND $318,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SING, Esq. | LO YEUK MOON, Esq.
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1895 [48

Intimations.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, will be held at the BANK'S Premises, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, TO-MORROW, the 7th day of March, at NOON.

The TRANSFER BOOKS and REGISTER of SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th day of February to 7th day of March, both days inclusive.

By Order,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1896. [360

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the SOCIETY'S HEAD OFFICE, No. 4, Praya Central, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 12th March, 1896, at NOON, to consider and if thought fit to pass the following Special Resolution:—

That in Article 91 the words "SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS" be eliminated and in place thereof the words "TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS" be inserted.

Should the resolution be duly passed it will be submitted for Confirmation to a Second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

By Order of the Board,
N. J. EDE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1896. [404

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWELFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 9 Praya Central, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 21st March, at Twelve o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1895, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 21st inst., both days inclusive.

SHEWAN & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1896. [436

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a STATEMENT of BUSINESS CONTRIBUTED during the Half Year ended 31st December, 1895, on or before the 31st instant, on which date the ACCOUNTS will be CLOSED.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. COOKE,
Acting General Manager.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1896. [431

Today's Advertisements.

CHINA SUGAR REFINERY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the COMPANY will be held at the OFFICES of the GENERAL AGENTS, Pedder's Street, at NOON on FRIDAY, the 27th March, for the purpose of receiving their Report with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1895.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to 27th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1896. [465

LUZON SUGAR REFINERY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE FOURTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the COMPANY will be held at the OFFICES of the GENERAL AGENTS, Pedder's Street, at 12.30 P.M., on FRIDAY, the 27th March, for the purpose of receiving their Report and a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1895.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to 27th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1896 [466

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE THIRTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 9 Praya Central, Victoria on SATURDAY, the 28th March, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers, for the year ending 31st December, 1895, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 28th instant, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1896. [462

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SHANGHAI AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

"MARIA TERESA,"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all claims must be sent in to the Undersigned before Noon on the 11th instant or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 13th instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SANDER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1896 [281

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"DIOMED,"

Captain Bartlett, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 7th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1896. [316

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR FOOCHOW.

THE Steamship

"KASHING,"

Captain Hopkins, will be despatched TO-MORROW, the 7th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1896. [440

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAITAN,"

Captain Roach, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 8th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1896. [463

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"FAOTING,"

Captain Gyles, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 9th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1896. [444

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE.)

THE Steamship

"OSLO,"

Captain Pedersen, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about the 12th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

D. M. WRIGHT & Co., 27, Praya.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1896. [468

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR CHEFOO AND NEWCHWANG.

THE Steamship

"FOOCHOW,"

Captain Blackburne, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 14th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1896. [469

Today's Advertisements.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

TERM BEGINS TO-MORROW, 7TH MARCH, AT 9 A.M.

BOYS, accompanied by PARENTS or GUARDIANS, should present themselves in the HALL at 9 A.M.

GEO. H. BATESON WRIGHT, D.D., Head Master.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1896. [452

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE RE-OPENING COMPETITION for the SHORT RANGE CUP and SPOONS will be held TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), at 2.45 P.M.

RANGES, 200 and 300 Yards:—Usual conditions.

A SPECIAL LAUNCH to convey COMPETITORS to Kowloon, will leave the NEW PEDDAR'S WHARF at 2.15 P.M.

F. SMYTH, Honorary Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1896. [467

THEATRE ROYAL

THE WILLARD OPERA COMPANY AND JOHN F. SHERIDAN

Will arrive per P. & O. S.S. "PESHAWUR."

GRAND OPENING NIGHT ON SATURDAY, the 21st March, 1896.

Prices:—$3, $2 & $1.

BOX PLAN at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ld.

SEASON TICKETS for 12 Performances, $25 ONLY.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1896. [365

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED, *VICTORIA DISPENSARY*, HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSES and other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1895. [427

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS,

with Full Details, to be had on Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner Wines of very superior Vintages. All are true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Clarets, including the lowest priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and currants as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure Cognac, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKY.—All our Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINES and SPIRITS to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD. THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1896. [5

DEATH,

At the General Hospital, Shanghai, on the 1st instant, BERNARD MULLER, Lower Yangtze Pilot, aged 61 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1896.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

THE DISASTER IN ABYSSINIA.

LONDON, March 4th.

Fifteen Italian battalions were engaged in the recent battle under the command of General Baratieri. The Shoans completely outmanœuvred the Italians and finally charged the ranks, firing at the officers point blank. The retreat of the Italians was an utter rout; the losses are not stated, but one whole Brigade is missing.

Anti-Government demonstrations have taken place in Italy and the Government has resigned.

(From Japanese Papers.)

THE SITUATION AT SEOUL.

TOKIO, February 26th.

A telegram from Fusan states that there is continued disagreement among the Ministers. The King sent for Kim Pyŏng-si to the Russian Legation and asked him to accept the premiership, but he declined, expressing strong disapproval of the recent savage execution of the two Ministers and of the flight to the Russian Legation.

The same telegram says that the present Cabinet is continually disputing, and that administrative affairs are in great disorder. Rumours prevail that mobs have risen in the neighbourhood of Seoul and will march on the capital. There is a general opinion that the Russian force will soon be increased.

SEOUL, February 23rd.

The Cabinet is now making efforts to capture the subordinate members of the late Ministry. A number of arrests have been made, including one of the chief men of the Tai Won Kun's party.

THE RISINGS IN KOREA.

SHIMONOSEKI, February 26th.

Correspondence from Fusan reports that the rioters at Yo-ju are still gathering strength, and have now occupied the road between Ang-po and Togan. They threaten to attack a Japanese outpost in the vicinity, and a company of infantry is to be sent to its support.

TOKIO, February 25th.

News reaching here from Fusan is to the effect that the rioters at An-dong appear to be diminishing in number, but they are very strong in Chhung-ju.

MURDER OF A GOVERNOR.

SEOUL, February 25th.

The rioters, at Kang-nyong in Kang-wen province are reported to have murdered the Governor and a number of other officials.

RUSSIA CHARTERING STEAMERS.

TOKIO, February 28th.

An official dispatch from Shanghai dated the 21st inst. states that the agent of the Russian Oriental squadron has chartered about a dozen steamers of over one thousand tons each (German, Danish and Norwegian) for the purpose of carrying coal from the Kaihei coal mines to Vladivostock.

RUMOURED ALLIANCE BETWEEN RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

TOKIO, February 26th.

M. Hitrovo, the Russian Minister, and Colonel Wogack, the Russian military *Attaché*, are said to have expressed much pleasure at the proposed visit of Marquis Yamagata to Russia on the occasion of the Tsar's coronation. It is beginning to be believed that there exists a project for an alliance between Russia and Japan, and that Marquis Yamagata is charged with the negotiations.

ANOTHER INTERPELLATION.

TOKIO, February 26th.

Mr. Otake Kenichi has introduced in the Diet a lengthy interpellation to the Ministry with regard to the future policy of Marquis Ito's Cabinet respecting foreign affairs.

QUARANTINE AT SINGAPORE.

The Hongkong Chamber of Commerce having addressed the Government asking them to wire to Singapore requesting that steamers from this port not carrying Chinese passengers might be exempted from quarantine has received the following reply:—

(Copy.)

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th March, 1896.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 29th ultimo, I am directed to transmit for the information of the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce the enclosed copies of a telegram despatched on the 2nd inst. to the Colonial Secretary, Straits Settlements, and of his reply thereto.

—I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant, J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary, Chamber of Commerce.

(Enclosures.)

Copy of telegram sent to the Colonial Secretary, Straits Settlements, on the 2nd March, 1896:—

"Chamber of Commerce applies for exemption from quarantine vessels without—Chinese passengers. Please telegraph what exemptions allowed.—Secretary."

Copy of telegram received from the Colonial Secretary, Straits Settlements, on the 3rd March, 1896:—

"Exemptions at discretion of Health Officer, dependent on estimated risk to public health."

THE LOSS OF THE "HUMBER" ON THE PESCADORES.

News was received here yesterday afternoon from Amoy that the British steamer *Humber*, 1,417 tons register, built in 1888 and owned by the Mercantile Steamship Company of London, had come to grief on Sand Island (Pescadores Group), on Monday last. This news was received from Taiwanfu, Formosa, from which port a Japanese steamer had been despatched to render whatever assistance might be possible.

To-day meagre telegraphic news is to hand from Formosa, to the effect that the Captain, officers and crew of the steamer are safe in Makung, where, it is reported, there is a British man-of-war, but that the vessel will probably become a total wreck.

But little is known here regarding the ill-fated vessel. She had come out from home with a cargo of kerosene oil consigned to Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co.'s branch house in Japan, and it is believed that when the accident happened was on a voyage to this port, with a cargo of Japanese coal.

It will be remembered that it was on Sand Island that the P. & O. steamer *Bokhara* stranded about three years ago, resulting in such terrible and lamentable loss of life. It is probable that the *Humber* met with much the same weather as the *Lynnwood*, and being unable to see land or take sights coming down the Formosa Channel, was swept out of her course by the strong currents running there during the N.E. monsoon, and ran ashore in either a dense haze or thick fog.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

M. OVIDE MUSIN gives a farewell concert in the Theatre Royal to-morrow evening.

THERE have been 200 cases of Plague reported in the Colony this year up to last night, including three cases yesterday.

QUEEN'S College commences a new term to-morrow and pupils are reminded that they should attend at 9 a.m.

THE first batch of northern coasters was, according to the *China Gazette*, to leave Shanghai yesterday (5th) for Tientsin.

MR. D. WILLIAMS, the Chief of His Siamese Majesty's Customs Service, will probably return to Bangkok, from furlough, in the early part of next month.

THE final heat in the billiard handicap at the "Vic" will be played at 9 o'clock to-night, Mr. Rutter (owes 15) trying conclusion with Mr. Severn, who receives 50 points. After the match "Sweet William" (as he has been christened by the *Box*) will present the winner with the prize, value $300.

THUS the *Bangkok Times* of the 22nd ultimo:—A criminal prosecution against the *Siam Observer* will shortly be commenced by Phra Thamassat and Phra Manu (Chief and Deputy Judges in the International Court) for libelling them by stating they had accepted bribes from numerous litigants.

A NEW line of steamers to trade between Hongkong and Australia will commence operations on the 12th instant, when the steamship *Oslo*, Captain Pedersen, will be despatched hence by Messrs. D. M. Wright and Co. for Sydney and Melbourne, calling at Port Darwin and taking through cargo to Adelaide.

GRIFFINS for the Shanghai Spring Meeting are arriving in the Model Settlement very fast. On the 29th ultimo a mob was sold by auction by the Shanghai Horse Bazaar Co., the best lots realising prices ranging from Tls. 65 to Tls. 130. Another consignments of 32 ponies was to be sold at the Company's yards on the 2nd inst.

TO-MORROW afternoon a team from H. M. S. *Centurion* will meet the Kowloon 'cracks' in the final tie of the Football Challenge Cup Competition; kick-off at 4 p.m. Mr. King will be Referee, and Messrs. P. G. Davies, R.A., and E. F. Mackay the Linesmen. Mrs. Stewart Lockhart has kindly consented to present the Cup to the Captain of the winning team as soon as the competition is brought to a close.

THE Ningpo correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury* is responsible for the following:—"This being leap-year and another not likely to occur again for a long time some of our young and old single ladies have taken advantage of this opportunity to propose to the bachelors, with what result I am as yet unable to say, but hope to let you know later on."—Who's been caught napping this time?

THE first of the series of lectures under the auspices of the Odd Volumes Society was given in the Society's rooms, Bank Buildings, this afternoon, when Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., lectured on the Navy League. Mr. Francis began by referring to the formation of the League in England in January 1895, and to the circular letters sent to the Colonies in July of that year. He stated that an eager response was made by all the Colonies to this call, and in this Colony of Hongkong the local Society numbered over 100 at the present day. He then went on to explain the objects of the League, pointing out that it did not pretend to dictate to the Government with reference to any details connected with Her Majesty's ships, their use, equipment, armament, crew, or any other details strictly speaking within the scope of the professional duties of the Admiralty. Its object was not to dictate to the Government or Admiralty how the ships should be armed or manned, but to remove the question of the Navy entirely from the region of party politics and to insure a continuous policy in dealing with the Navy, whichever party was in power. The chief object was to impress upon the Government the absolute need of keeping the Navy in such a thorough state of efficiency, no matter what the party exigencies might be, as would satisfy the existing feeling in the Empire. Mr. Francis then went on to point out why the command of the sea has such very great importance to Great Britain. She is a manufacturing country and obtains all or almost all of her raw materials from abroad. She is not capable of producing sufficient foodstuffs to feed her enormous population of between 30 and 40 millions. Nearly one half of the breadstuff consumed in the United Kingdom and nearly one-third of the fresh vegetables, eggs, etc., come from abroad, over the seas, so that occupation and command of the sea by any hostile fleet would cut off her supplies of food and throw many thousands of men and women out of employment. It would in a very short time raise the price of provisions beyond the reach alike of the rich and poor, and in all ways entirely cripple the nation. It was to prevent these evils, which were beyond all questions of politics, that dictated the policy of the Navy League. Mr. Francis was listened to with great attention throughout and loudly applauded at the conclusion.

MEMORANDA.

TO-MORROW,—7th March.

The Transfer books of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., close from this date to the 21st inst., inclusive.

9 a.m.—Queen's College re-opens.

Noon.—Meeting of shareholders of the National Bank of China, Ltd., at the Bank's premises, Queen's Road Central.

9 p.m.—Ovide Musin Company's Concert at the Theatre Royal.

MR. G. W. STANLEY, the billiard expert, turned up in Bangkok on the 22nd ult. The *Observer* says he was to give some exhibitions in the Oriental Hotel, Bangkok, and then go on to Hongkong, Shanghai, and Japan.

THE Nanking correspondent of the *North China Daily News* reports as follows, under date 29th ultimo:—His Excellency Liu Kun-yi was received in Nanking in great state on the 27th February. He landed from the canal at the West Gate and went in a sedan chair to his quarters. To-day Chang Chih-tung leaves for Wuchang. He will stop at Wuhu *en route*.

THE *Shanghai Mercury* states that the Formosa correspondent of a Shanghai native paper reports that when the Japanese Government took possession of Formosa, thousands of Chinese inhabitants were made homeless and were forced to wander about Tamsui as distitutes. The sufferers were, however, relieved of their difficulties through the philantrophy of She Tang, compradore to Messrs. Douglas, Lapraik & Co., of Hongkong. [This evidently refers to the arrest of Mr. Sit On-cook, compradore of the firm of Lapraik, Cass & Co., of Tamsui.—Ed. *H.K.T.*] He had contributed a sum of $500 towards their relief. His action should have been regarded by the respective governments of China and Japan as magnanimous and kind; instead of which he was arrested by the Japanese Government on a charge of conspiracy when Formosa was in a state of insurrection. She Tang (Sit On-cook?) was regarded as a philanthropist by the Chinese citizens, therefore his imprisonment aroused the indignation of the people. It is said that the British Consul at Tamsui applied for the release of the prisoner, but was unsuccessful. It is further stated that the matter has been telegraphed to the Tsungli Yamen, and the British Minister has been consulted on the circumstances of the case.

A CORRESPONDENT of our Shanghai morning contemporary reports that about two weeks ago the buildings at Hsiakuan (Nanking) occupied by the agent of Messrs Butterfield and Swire and Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. were entirely destroyed by fire. The correspondent adds that the omi-present opium-smoker, with the inevitable little oil lamp, was the cause of the conflagration.

THE great danger which England would have to face in the event of war would be the stoppage of the food supplies from abroad. The danger that our grain ships might be stopped by an enemy's cruisers is not the greatest risk we should run in this connection, for it is quite possible that our world-wide Empire might lead us into a quarrel with the countries which now supply us with grain. The question, then, arises, Is the British Empire self-supporting? and Mr. Long, in a very interesting paper in the *Nineteenth Century*, says that as yet we cannot feed the Empire from the Empire alone. Even if we imported all the surplus wheat from India and the Colonies we should still be considerably over a hundred million bushels short in the year, but this by no means represents the true strength of the Empire. Australia and New Zealand could, if they utilised all their land suitable for wheat-growing, more than supply all our needs, and India and South Africa could meet a far larger demand. As for Canada, its capacity to grow cereals cannot be over-rated. With regard to wheat, then, the Empire, could with a little encouragement soon be made self-supporting, while the United Kingdom and the Colonies already contain sufficient cattle and sheep for six or seven years' consumption. The dairy produce, like our cereals, is deficient, but the thousand million gallons of milk which as milk, butter, or cheese, we import from foreign countries every year, could be produced in either Canada or New Zealand with the greatest of ease. Statesmanship is now beginning to work itself out of the hard old grooves in which it has so long been set, and the public mind has been turned by the crisis through which we are now passing to the danger of being dependent on possible enemies for our food supplies. Mr. Long's paper, and the tables with which he illustrates it, will doubtless serve to point the way in which the Empire may be made self-supporting.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

The ordinary half-yearly general meeting of the shareholders in the above named Company was held in the Hotel at noon to-day. Mr. R. C. Wilcox presided, and there were also present Messrs. E. Osborne, W. Pasfitt (Directors), W. H. Potts, W. H. Gaskell, A. Sharp, A. Coutts, Ho Fook, Ip Che Tong, Leung Tit Shan, Tai Tak, Chau Chau Nam, She Po Shan and A. Fonseca (Secretary).

The notice calling the meeting having been read,

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the report and statement of accounts having been in your hands for some days, I propose, with your permission, to take them as read. It is with some small measure of satisfaction that your directors are able to point to a substantial increase of business and a not less appreciable increase in revenue during the past half-year. As you will observe from the report, the profit on the working account for the six months was $14,259.56, as compared with $5,714.06 for the like period of 1895, being an increase of $18,545.50. A good deal of the profit was of course swallowed up in interest, and we have been compelled to write off a considerable sum for bad debts contracted prior to 1895. I am glad to say that we practically do almost everything on a cash basis now, and have made scarcely any bad debts since we abolished the chit system as formerly permitted. In addition to the sum written off for bad debts we have made sundry very necessary additions to furniture and various improvements to the building, which, although they make little or no external show, add considerably to the comfort of visitors and were indispensable to the efficient working of the hotel. The actual credit balance, after these deductions, is only $8,175.38, but when compared with $576.02, the sum shewn at credit in the same half of 1894, and a very substantial debit balance in the corresponding six months of 1893, it is at least something to be thankful for. The Directors are anxious, however, that shareholders should not attach undue importance to these figures and hasten to the conclusion that a dividend is necessarily in sight. It was not without good reason we decided to recommend the appropriation of the balance mentioned in the report. No adequate sum has been written off furniture for years, and it is idle to pretend that it has not depreciated. Much of the bedroom furniture in the old building requires complete renewal, and if the rooms in it are to be placed on anything like a par with those in the new building new carpets and a large proportion of new furniture will have to be provided. Turning to another department, I may mention that the table appointments are not exactly what we could wish to see them. Apart, however, from these and other social desirable improvements, which may be expected to bring some return in the shape of increased revenue by rendering the hotel more attractive, there are other directions in which unavoidable outlay at an early date has to be faced. The boilers which supply the motive power for the lifts and the hot water baths, cooking, etc., are not only, I regret to say, inadequate for the work, but, having seen long service, are now reported thin and much worn. Indeed, we are advised by our engineer that one of them will shortly have to be replaced at a cost of nearly $3,000. The pumps which supply the tanks for the lifts are not large enough for the purpose; hence the slow rate of speed at which the passenger lift works. When the hotel is full of guests the slowness of the lift becomes a rather serious drawback, one that we should greatly like to see remedied. Turning to the building itself, I am glad to say that, owing to constant supervision, it is in fair order, but externally it requires colour-washing and painting. You will see, therefore, how necessary it is for the directors to retain some money in hand for improvements, renewals, and repairs. Unfortunately we cannot count upon a steady continuance of the business we are now doing throughout the year. It must not be forgotten that the season this winter commenced unusually early, and there has been more movement from Europe and America. No doubt the stream of globe-trotters is on the increase, but it is fitful, and next year may see another comparatively dull season. We can at best only deserve success in this business; we cannot command it. There are other causes by which our business may be adversely affected. The last outbreak of plague did us great injury and another epidemic of it would certainly prove disastrous, for although the disease is now known to pass by the Western races there are plenty of timid persons to whom it is a very real terror. Now that the port is declared infected we shall find, I fear, a good many will shun it or shorten their stay here. I have mentioned these contingencies in no pessimistic spirit, but simply from a desire to prevent too sanguine anticipations being hastily formed. At the same time we have grounds for hope for the future, when we shall see our indebtedness diminished and be able to count on dividends. We have already crossed the morass of impecuniosity, and though we have not yet reached the solid rock of prosperity there is every reason to believe we are on the way thither. I have only to add that I shall be happy to answer any questions any shareholders present may wish to put.

The Chairman (after a pause):—There being no questions, I beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Coutts:—I have much pleasure in seconding that.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Ho Fook:—I have much pleasure in proposing the re-election of the retiring directors, Messrs. Wilcox and Parfitt.

This was seconded by Mr. Gaskell and carried.

Mr. Coutts:—I beg to propose the re-election of Messrs Gaskell and Potts as auditors for this year.

This was seconded by Mr. Sharp and agreed to.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

AN EVENING WITH MARINE OFFICERS.

Last night the members of the British Mercantile Marine Officers' Association gave a smoking concert in their cosy rooms on Praya Central which had been very well arranged for the purpose, in a manner, in fact, which reflected the utmost credit on the Secretary (Captain McArthur) and Committee of this most useful institution, which, when founded in 1890, filled a long-felt want and has since its birth accomplished, in a quiet way, so much for the benefit of the members of what should ever be regarded as one of the most important professions—a Service great in every sense of the word and one whose traditions and glorious achievements in the past form some the brightest pages in the history of an Empire on which the sun never sets and compassed by the inviolate sea. Everything this Association has undertaken in the past has been carried through in an energetic manner thoroughly characteristic of British sailors, and it was therefore not surprising to find that the concert given last night was carried through in every detail in a manner characteristic of this young and go-ahead institution.

By 9 p.m. the concert room was well filled with the members and their guests, many of them well known members of the seafaring community, and at 9.15 the chair was taken by Mr. Malcolm Duncan, who expressed the deep regret of the Committee that the President, Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., was unable to be present, and then read a letter from Mr. Chesney Duncan (H. L. M.) who, owing to an attack of fever and diarrhœa, had to decline the honour and pleasure of presiding. He congratulated the Society on the success attained in the past; referred to the paramount necessity of the existence of such an Association in this great British seaport, and expressed the hope and belief that the fact of the B. M. M. O. A. having largely assisted to obtain for mariners of all nationalities the boon of rest on Sundays would tend to make British Officers proud of their little Association in Hongkong and do all in their power to preserve it in a flourishing condition and hand it down to posterity as a monument of what British officers have achieved through patient perseverance in well doing, and studying, whenever an opportunity presents itself, the interests of owners for the reason that the welfare of the officer is recognised as being dependent on the prosperity of his employer, and that "unity is strength."

The programme, given below, is sufficient to show at a glance that a pleasant evening was spent. All who took an active part were exceptionally happy in their efforts, and numerous encores were demanded and reponded to. Mr. Tyndale-Lee is too well known at the piano to justify more comment than that he played with his usual good taste and also accompanied many of the songs. The songs given by Messrs. Thomas, Bridger, Williams, and Crispin were well rendered and all of them having rousing choruses were much enjoyed. Mr. C. T. Robinson sang in his well-known screamingly funny manner, dressed to kill, and was recalled time and again. Mr. N. Ruchwaldy proved his versatility by first giving a sweet mandolin solo and later on reciting, in an equally artistic manner, the attempt of a young swell at elocution. The programme set forth that the concert would be brought to a conclusion by the whole company joining in singing "Rule Britannia," and this having been sung as only British sailors know how to sing it, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion with the toast, proposed by the Chairman, "Success to the B.M.M.O.A.," and hearty votes of thanks to the painstaking Secretary and the Committee.

The programme was as follows:—

Pianoforte Selections	Mr. T. Lee	
Song "Why rouse the British Lion?"	R. D. Thomas	
Song "The Lyngkore Man"	H. B. Bridger	
Song "The Warrior Bold"	G. Williams	
Song "No more fancy balls for me"	C. T. Robinson	
Mandolin Solo	N. Ruchwaldy	
Song "The Wolf"	Crispin	
Song "The Gorgonzola Cheese"	C. T. Robinson	
Pianoforte Selections	T. Lee	
Song "There is a tavern in the town"	R. D. Thomas	
Song "Selected"	H. B. Bridger	
Song "The Old Sexton"	G. Williams	
Recitation "Every Sailor has his Bible"	N. Ruchwaldy	
Song "The tenth of the spot"	Crispin	
	C. T. Robinson	

RULE BRITANNIA.

THE JAPAN-SIAM TRADING CORPORATION.

In our issue of the 27th ultimo there appeared reports taken from Bangkok papers concerning the arrest, by the Consul-General for Portugal in Siam, of the Bangkok Manager of the Japan-Siam Trading Corporation. Further news respecting this affair came to hand to-day from Bangkok, and, as published in the *Siam Free Press*, it reads as follows :—

Bangkok, February 18th.

The auction sale of the goods and chattels of the defunct Japan-Siam Trading Corporation will be held on Friday next.

CONSULAR NOTIFICATION.

The following appeared in the *S. F. P.* as an advertisement on the 19th ulto. :—

The Consulate General of His Most Faithful Majesty notifies hereby to the Public that the concern known as the Japan-Siam Trading Corporation is under official liquidation and requests all creditors and debtors of the same to present themselves with their accounts at the above-named Consulate to have them examined, from this date to the last day of this month, from 9 a.m. to 12. All Bangkok accounts presented after the above date will not be considered.

The Consul General,
FREDERICO A. PEREIRA.

A DRAFT ENDORSED "NO FUNDS."

Bangkok, February 20th.

The Japan-Siam Trading Corporation, in liquidation, will, we are afraid, pay even less than was at first supposed—50 per cent. It was hoped that some funds might be obtained from Hongkong, but only yesterday the Hongkong branch of the Bank of China and Japan returned a draft endorsed "no funds." There will be a meeting of creditors this evening at the Portuguese Consulate, a determination which will give, no doubt, general satisfaction.

MEETING OF CREDITORS.

Bangkok, February 21st.

A meeting of the creditors of this concern, in liquidation, was held yesterday evening at the Portuguese Consulate, when a statement of affairs was made by Mr. Pereira. It was stated that the 'bank' was practically Mr. de Souza, and had no working capital, and as far as could be learned no connection with any Japanese house. This fact the accused Manager admits, but still insists that there are certain funds in London. The letter alleged to have been forged, and purporting to come from the Manager of the Bank of China and Japan, might, it was considered, have received only the suspicious impression referred to by careless press-copying. There, however, appears to have been regular business done with the Hongkong branch of the Bank of China and Japan, and there is some hope held out that there are funds in that branch which may help to swell the poor total of the assets. The books appear to have been admirably kept, and the accused has, as far as can be learned, obtained little or nothing for himself. The most extraordinary revelation is the fact of large sums being lent to persons of no means whatever and whose business if wound up could not possibly realize more than a few ticals. Another very curious feature of the case was the confidence with which the accused offered huge sums to residents, and even alleged that the Siamese had a large amount in dollars to the credit of the corporation, and for which he was expecting ticals.

After some desultory discussion of the affairs of the business, it was learned that the Portuguese Consul-General had acted with great promptitude, and officially communicated with the different representatives with a view to calling in without delay the assets of the defunct 'Corporation.' It was further decided by the meeting that Mr. Downie should be entrusted with the books, and be requested to make out an exact statement of the position of affairs. According to an approximate calculation, necessarily somewhat crude, the figures stand 20,000 Ticals liabilities with 12,000 Ticals possible assets.

GLAD TIDINGS FOR CREDITORS.

The *Siam Observer* says :—"We are pleased to hear that a number of creditors of this concern are likely to obtain their dues after all, as they are contemplating proceeding against the individual finders of the capital. As the corporation is not registered anywhere, and therefore cannot be a limited liability concern, they of course stand a good chance of succeeding."

YUNNAN.

DR. MORRISON INTERVIEWED.

Dr. Morrison is a traveller who needs no introduction to our readers, since we have previously referred to his journeys abroad and to his unique trip across China which resulted in the issue of that eminently readable book—"An Australian in China." During the fortnight that he has been in Bangkok, says the *Siam Observer* in its issue of the 22nd ultimo, he has, doubtless, gathered a profusion of notes which may some day see the light in the form of an equally interesting volume, although the Doctor insists that he is in Bangkok purely for pleasure. But we know the power of the pen over the hand that has once successfully wielded it, and we hope, when Dr. Morrison comes to sort his notes, that imperious mandate will come to him that comes from time to time to all those who find they have something to say and have already proved that they know how to say it. Of his travels outside Yunnan the *Observer's* representative asked nothing, as that province is of great interest at the present time. After these introductory remarks our Bangkok contemporary continues as follows :—

The province of Yunnan is now generally regarded as the objective of all the Far East trading schemes. The aim in the French railway scheme is the tapping of Yunnan for the benefit of the Indo-China ports. Mr. Holt-Hallett's is framed with a view to bringing that trade to Bangkok and Moulmein. The Indian Government is now building a line which will connect the Kunlong Ferry with Rangoon *vid* Mandalay, and it is at the same time stated that a route has been found whereby the line could be carried on to the Mekong—and so into Yunnan—if it be found necessary. It follows, therefore, that Yunnan must be regarded on all sides as a very wealthy country. Unfortunately it is so difficult of access that the obtaining of useful up-to-date information is almost out of the question.

YUNNAN AS IT IS.

There is no doubt that at one time Yunnan deserved all that was said of it and what was written about the dense population and the wealth it possessed was fully justified. Now, however, Dr. Morrison tells us things are very different. It is just about two years ago when he was there, and he passed through the heart of the province, from Yunnan city to Ta-li-fu, and so into Burma. So far from meeting with a teeming population, industrious, prosperous, and well-clothed, he found exactly the opposite characteristics prevailing. The people to the East are Chinese, merging into Shans towards the Burmese boundary. At one time there was evidently a large population, but the Mahommedan rebellion of 20 years ago must have killed off millions. In such places the ancient proverb "Woe to the conquered" still holds good, and so terrible a time was not likely to leave the people as they were before. But not only were the towns and villages robbed of their best inhabitants. Those that remained were so reduced by the loss of valuables of every description that even now, when there is springing up another generation able to work in the fields, they have to remain idle from want of capital. To make matters worse, as though the horrors of war were not sufficient, the plague that raged in China some time back seems to have had its origin in this same province. There appears no doubt, says the Doctor, that the Bubonic Plague was taken from there down the Canton river by the Cantonese coolies engaged in the Yunnan trade, and so reached even Hongkong. As the Doctor passed through Yunnan he saw more of the agricultural districts than of any other, and the proportion of fields lacking cultivation was very large.

From this it will be seen that, after all, there can be no possible reason for the present hurry to reach Yunnan. In time, undoubtedly, the population will recover, unless some new visitation afflict them, but no railway carried there under present circumstances is likely to find paying traffic ready to hand.

THE RESOURCES OF YUNNAN.

The next question that arises, then, is as to the resources of the province. These are very great. Dr. Morrison says that, in the agricultural districts, three out of every four acres are devoted to the poppy. The immense areas thrown out of cultivation consist of the very finest soil, and it is possible to grow such varied food crops as rice, wheat, Indian-corn, beans, and potatoes—the last named a small variety something like a sweet potato. Being a sub-tropical table-land of high elevation there is no doubt that many other crops could be raised in similar variety. Turning then to the mineral wealth, there are important gold mines at Talung, some 13 days' journey southward from Yunnan city. There must be an abundance of this metal, as it is exported in large quantities to Burma in both leaf-form and as jewellery. The jewellery is exceptionally beautiful, so much so that samples of it are preserved in the British Museum, while their silver jewellery, as well as a special kind of enamel they make, is also extremely artistic. The people wear the gold, like the Siamese, perfectly pure and unalloyed. Other metals to be found are tin and zinc, while rock-salt also abounds.

The exploitation of these minerals by Europeans, and the finding of capital for working the fields now lying fallow, would, of course, be advantageous all round, and it is possible that eventually the railways would do very well, but it is evident, that, as things are at present, Yunnan is a very much over-rated district. It is hard to give up pleasant illusions, but it is better to do so before they lead to useless enterprise than afterwards, and Dr. Morrison's study of the circumstances on the spot may serve to prevent the rousing of any further false hopes, while at the same time pointing out the direction in which enterprise would have to be directed in order to achieve success. Man ever dreams of an El Dorado just beyond the reach of his actual knowledge, and it is the part of such adventurous spirits as Dr. Morrison to call us down from our lofty speculations to the hard fact that wealth, wherever it may be, is only to be obtained by hard work, and that no place exists in this world where riches are to be had for the mere asking.

TIENTSIN NOTES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Tientsin, February 24th.

PEKING NEWS

has been most startling this week. It is definitely given out that Li Hung-chang leaves at once on a special mission to Europe, the ostensible reason being the forthcoming coronation of the Czar. His Excellency is expected here on the 15th of this moon, and will at once begin his preparations; up to date his suite has not been nominated but it is understood that Dr. Lin of the Tientsin Medical School will accompany him. It is anticipated that Mr. Lo Feng-loh will be first secretary of the Mission, but there is also a possibility of Li Ching-fong (Lord Li) accepting the position. Mr. Lo is equally facile in French and English, a point worthy of note in Russian political and social life.

This great and unexpected departure created much excitement in diplomatic circles, and will be the cause of infinite speculation as to the old Viceroy's present and future standing; it is hinted in official circles here that the nomination is not that of the bureaucrats in Peking, but that it has an occult origin in quarters which are far more powerful at present in the capital than any native faction. The same powerful protection which saved the Chung-tang from being made the scape-goat for the national shortcomings during the late war has been exercised again. It was intimated in no uncertain tones that for so high an occasion the envoy must be *aut Princeps aut Li*.

THE COMMERCIAL TREATY

makes but poor progress; out of sixty odd clauses, all containing more or less contentious matter, only eleven have been settled to the satisfaction (?) of both parties. The gravest of rumours have been circulating among intelligent natives *re* this slow progress, but no good object can be gained by giving them publicity; we refer to them only to caution Shanghai readers against ready belief if they travel south.

Li's departure will probably not expedite this treaty business, as his successor will come fresh and comparatively ignorant to the task.

THE CENSORS

are censuring each other and almost seem to be inaugurating a Kilkenny cat strife. *Custodes custodiunt custodes!* The special object of their censorial war is the so-called Reform Club. Since its somewhat comical closure a month ago, a memorial favourable to its resuscitation has been presented to the Emperor, and as this document has able and influential backing, the bewildered "Son of Heaven" is in a fix. Those on the inner track say that the new bloods were going too fast or rather talking too loud; they actually were confiding to each other that their beloved *Chiang-hsü-hui* might in course of time evolve into a rudimentary *representative institution* (shades of the sages!). This is conceived by some to be the real reason of the late imperial quietus. Moreover, tell it in Gath and publish it in Askalon, that the most earnest promoters of it and the proposers of its revival are Hupeh men; better yet, these Hupeh men were influenced by the altruistic Messrs Richard and Reid. Unhappily, as we think,

THE TSUNGLI YAMEN

is getting its finger into this reform pie; this is supposed to augur well for the reorganisation of the Society; to us it is the certain passage of its ultimate addle. It is like the time-worn contrivance of getting a War Officer or Admiralty Committee to report on the re-organisation of these great departments. Reform will lose all its meaning and will be emasculated into "farce" if it be entrusted to bureaucratic influences in the capital. The present proposals are to affiliate the revived Institution to the Tsungli Yamên, to make the heads of the Yamên responsible for the propriety and harmlessness of the reformers' suggestions, to subsidise it from Government funds and so meet the objections to blackmail. Political China assuredly illustrates the topsy-turvydom of Mr. W. S. Gilbert: fancy Cobden's Free Trade Agitation being placed in the leading strings of the Exchequer, or Mr. Miall's Liberation Society at work under the ægis of the Archbishop of Canterbury. These would be fairly analogous to the *Chiang-hsü-hui* under the Tsungli Yamên.

SERVE THEM RIGHT

(but hardly right enough), is the verdict on a recent Imperial Edict conferring Double Dragons on those foreigners who helped to organise the Red Cross Society during the late war. Mr. Tenney, as the Hon. Treasurer and Secretary, and Drs. Atterbury, Fraser, Irwin, and James for their services here, and two others (names unknown, but I think of French nationality) for work at Shimonoseki. It is also reported here that Herr Mandl has received a high decoration for his services *re* ordnance supply.

HAWKS DINNA PIKE OOT HAWKS' KEN,

and perhaps it is ungracious of us to find fault with our native colleagues; but the last issue of the *Peking and Tientsin Times* has a well founded complaint against one of your native correspondents here for inaccurate and misleading information about Mr. Wu Jim-pao, the Bank compradore. Unhappily it is true that your columns are being used to Mr. Wu's serious detriment in native official circles. The misinformation may have been a mistake, but it looks uncommonly like an enemy sowing tares. This brings me to a reference to

"THE PEKING AND TIENTSIN TIMES."

This estimable local organ has now finished its second year of existence, and the able and amiable Editor this week appeals to his *clientèle* to remember that his work is purely honorary, and that he has neither intelligence department nor reporters to assist him. He begs for 'copy' and hints that readers should not be too exacting in their demands on the Editor. We refer to this because there is just some prospect that private circumstances may deprive the paper of its accomplished director in the near future. We sincerely hope not, but should this fear be realised, this gentleman ought to know that his fellow residents and co-exiles feel a deep debt of gratitude to him. By impartiality, by tact, by his open-mindedness and catholicity, and above all by his vigorous thought and racy English he has given tone and dignity as well as influence to the modest little paper. We hope the question of a successor will not arise; for the present tenant of the editorial chair has made succession very difficult.

PEI-TA-HO SUR MER.

is once again engaging local attention and is on the boom. This is a scheme to establish a seaside resort on the Gulf some 30 miles south of Shanhaikuan. The spot is an ideal one and has already been treated experimentally; it transcends Chefoo in every single respect—except those of shops and accessibility from Shanghai; the beach, bathing, water, climate, environment, scenery, etc., are all excellent. It is quite possible Peking will co-operate when the railway is complete to Polo's Bridge.

THE WEATHER.

The flight of geese and other birds is presumptive evidence that the winter is coming to an end, though we are not to forget that last year the Bird of Rome turned out a hollow deceiver in his prophetic capacity; winter returned on us with the spring and grip of a tiger in early March and remained till April. As usual about this time the weather is delightfully genial; the ice in the thickest places between Tientsin and Taku has thinned down to seven inches and is, like the State of Denmark under Hamlet's step-father, rotten. You will get our first news by the imprisoned steamers, which are to attempt to break through this week.

POLITICAL NEWS

is at dead low-water, the Chinese New Year being primarily responsible. Li's mission is of course the chief subject of interest; we expect his Excellency here this week. His successor in the Commercial Treaty negotiation is Chang Yin-huan, ex-Minister to Washington; as Mr. Wu Ting-fang remains on the commission and is fully conversant with all the ins and outs of the business, there will be less delay and friction than was at first anticipated. There is an idea in native circles that the Russian Mission is not purely ceremonial, but that a treaty for the leasehold (20 years' cession) of Kiaochao Bay in Shantung will be broached. I leave your readers to judge of the credibility of this for themselves—*N. C. Daily News.*

A FIRE-FIGHT AT SEA.

NARROW ESCAPE OF THE BRITISH SHIP "HIAWATHA" FROM DESTRUCTION.

The British ship *Hiawatha*, Captain Jorgensen, arrived at San Francisco the other day, 164 days from Grangemouth, England, and 107 days from Pernambuco, with 1,600 tons of coal. Her narrow and providential escape from destruction by fire in the cargo at sea may be best told in Captain Jorgensen's full and complete memorandum, which is as follows :—

Left Grangemouth Roads on the 9th of August. Passed to the north of Scotland. Had light and variable winds down to 30 deg. north, where we got the north-east trade winds which were light and variable throughout. Lost the north-east trades in 14 deg. 15 min. north and after a couple of days of variables we got the south-west monsoon. On the 12th of September, in 6 deg. 56 min. west, noticed a strong smell of coal gas coming up from the fore hatch. Had the searching-rods in the hatchways examined and found the coal heated, but no fire was observed. Being sure that there was something wrong we had all the hatches taken off and rods driven down in different parts of the hatches and after having had one rod down in the middle of the main hatch for about fifteen minutes it came out almost red hot.

Seeing that we had no time to lose, we immediately commenced to discharge coals overboard from the main hatch. After a little while smoke issued from the coals, the smoke increasing as we worked down. About seven feet below the main deck, in the middle of the hatch, we found the coals on fire, which was put out, but a very dense smoke issued from the lower hold on the port side. We pumped water on the coals, but it did not seem to have much effect, as we could not get it near enough to the fire, so we kept on discharging.

In spite of all our efforts, we found that the fire was gaining on us all the time, and the heat and smoke became so suffocating that the men could not stand it in the hold more than about ten minutes at a time.

On the 13th flames burst out from the coals on the port side of the hatch. We had a quantity of water pumped on the coals and got the flames subdued and proceeded again with the discharge; had the steam-donkey working all the time, and kept on discharging day and night. Flames were bursting out from the coals every now and then, but we got them under control again by pumping on water.

On the 15th of September we had got down in the lower hold, about seven feet below the beams on the port side. We were then down to the second fire, and the coals were mixed with ashes and burning coals and the fire was reaching from the middle of the main hatch aft to abreast of the main mast. We then commenced to pump water on the coals, and after about one hour's pumping the smoke and heat were decreasing, and at noon we had the fire in the main hatch extinguished.

After having mastered the main hatch we found that the heat in the fore and after hatches had increased to a very serious extent. We commenced to trim up coals from the middle of the hatches, and worked down about fourteen feet deep from the deck in both hatches, where we found the coals so hot that they burned the fingers when taken in the hand. We had to pump water to stop them from taking fire.

On the 21st of September we found the coals in the fore part of the main hatch again on the point of taking fire, and, seeing that under such circumstances it was impossible to proceed, we resolved to put in to Pernambuco, where we duly arrived. We got into port, discharged 573 tons of coal, and left again on the 10th of October.

The remainder of the voyage to San Francisco was uneventful, and the Captain had no more trouble with fires.

THE MAHOMMEDAN REBELLION.

SHANGHAI, February 29th.

We were assured so often a couple of months ago by the Chinese, and through them by certain foreign newspapers, that the Mahommedan Rebellion was "finished" and that the redoubtable Imperial General Tung Fuh-siang had gained such astonishing victories, that we took the liberty of providing an unusually large supply of salt to assist us in digesting such highly spiced narratives of war and bloodshed. Our view is now corroborated by a letter from an English missionary, dated Hanchong, in Shensi, December 3rd, to our Tientsin contemporary of the 25th ulto. The correspondent writes :—

"The insurrection in Kansuh is a serious matter, probably going from bad to worse; communication is often seriously interrupted. We seldom hear from our friends, but so far they have all been kept in safety, and have had exceptional opportunities of service. Our Shuing friends have had very hard work attending to the terribly wounded and burnt from morn till night. If some of your many medicals want a little practice they might come this way. The enormous number of troops pouring into the province are doing nothing but eating up the Kansuh people's loaf, and I fear we shall have bad times here next year. The officials are to blame for the whole business; they have much to answer for."

This is like the way the valiant Chinese braves rooted the *Wojen* out of their lairs during the late war.—*China Gazette.*

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

SUPREME COURT.

SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honour Mr. Justice Wise.)

March 6th.

FIXTURES.

The following cases have been set down for hearing on the respective dates :—

Tuesday, March 10th.

311—L. C. Airey *v.* C. Holdsworth $ 300.25
Wednesday, March 11th.
325—The Chim Sing Lau *v.* Kong Chim ... 186.56
326—The Tang Li *v.* U Cho, alias U Hi ... 71.27
Thursday, March 12th.
289—Radecker & Co, *v.* Sun Tuck On Cheong Kee 168.28
293—Sun Tuck On Cheong Kee *v.* Radecker & Co. 994.20

Judgment was given in the following cases for the plaintiffs :—

54—Gian Singh F. M. Castro 10.00
265—Hakum Singh *v.* F. M. Ferreira ... 15.00
291—F. Mahomed *v.* M. A. Baptista... 40.00
295—Hakam Singh *v.* F. M. Lopes & anr. 80.00
298—The Colonial Treasurer *v.* Li On Yeung..... .28
299— Do *v.* Chan Yau..... .64
300— Do *v.* Leung Sing 28
301— Do *v.* Li Chung 42
302— Do *v.* Li Yau 42
303— Do *v.* Ip Mun 42
304— Do *v.* Ip Yau 64
306— Do *v.* Wong Min 36
308— Do *v.* Tsang Li..... 3.16
217— Do *v.* Lui Sung 19.92
321—Bahri Singh *v.* M. H. Baptista & anr. 181.00
321—Gulmock Singh *v.* L. E. Couceiras & anr. 105.90

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE :

English *(Kaiser-i-Hind)* 9th inst.
Australian *(Ocampo)* 9th inst.
Indian *(Lightning)* 10th inst.
German *(Preussen)* 11th inst.
American *(Gaelic)* 14th inst.
Tacoma *(Stratheneis)* 18th inst.
Canadian *(Empress of China)* 24th inst.
American *(City of Peking)* 24th inst.
American *(Doric)* about 25th inst.
Tacoma *(Tacoma)* 28th inst.

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THE Mutual Line steamship *Teenkai*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore for this port this morning, and may be expected here on or about the 12th inst.

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THE O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Gaelic*, with mails, etc., from San Francisco to the 15th ulto., has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port, *via* Nagasaki, on Sunday morning the 8th inst.

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THE Agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Carlill & Co.) inform us that the Northern Pacific Steamship Co.'s steamer *Strathneuli*, from Tacoma, arrived at Yokohama to-day, and will leave for this port, *via* her usual ports of call, on the 8th inst.

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SHIPPING RETURNS.

From 6 p.m. yesterday to 6 p.m. to-day.

ARRIVALS.

Maria Teresa	steamer,	from	Kobe.
Diomed	"	"	Shanghai.
Glenfruin	"	"	Swatow, etc.
Monghut	"	"	Bangkok.
Victoria	"	"	Saigon.
Ly-ee-moon	"	"	Shanghai.
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Maefoo	"	"	Canton.
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DEPARTURES.

Coptic	steamer,	for	America.
Ostarshal	"	"	Bangkok.
Brunhilde	"	"	Bangkok.
Rhodora	"	"	Sourabaya.
Dante	"	"	Amoy.
Phya Chow Klao	"	"	Bangkok.
Banalder	"	"	Japan.
Donar	"	"	Saigon.
Oceana	"	"	Singapore.
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Phya Nang	"	" "

It is stated in the *Bangkok Observer* that "Captain Simonsen, the master of the Norwegian barque *Congo*, since his arrival in Bangkok has been so sick that, following his doctor's orders, he will leave as soon as possible for Norway."

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The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the twelfth ordinary general meeting to be held at the office of the General Managers on Saturday the 21st instant at noon :—

Annexed we have the pleasure to lay before shareholders the usual annual statement of accounts made up to the 31st December 1895.

The net profit, including the balance brought forward from last year, amounts to $83,486.08, which it is proposed to appropriate as follows :—

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CONSULTING COMMITTEE.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, Messrs Lewis and Shewan retire but offer themselves for re-election. Messrs Gillies and Moses resigned on leaving for home, and Messrs T. I. Rose and M. D. Ezekiel were respectively appointed in their places. These appointments now require confirmation.

AUDITORS.

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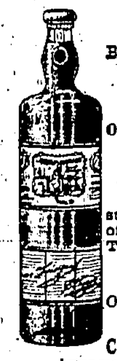
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For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

SHEWAN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1896. [407

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Hongkong, 3rd March, 1896. [451

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"GHAZEE"

Captain Bailey, will be despatched for the above Port on TUESDAY, the 17th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1896. [419

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

(Calling at NAPLES for landing Passengers if sufficient inducement offers.)

(Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL and BREMEN.)

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Hongkong, 5th March, 1896. [460

"RICKMERS" REGULAR LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR MARSEILLES, BREMEN AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Steamship

"DOROTHEA RICKMERS,"

Captain Pape, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 25th instant.

For Freight, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1896. [461

JAVA, CHINA JAPAN LINE OF STEAMERS.

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S.S. *Germania*.....	To JAPAN ...	May.
S.S. *Castilus*.....	To JAPAN ...	June.

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Hongkong, 24th February, 1896. [391

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THE Company's Steamship

"MARIA TERESA,"

Captain V. Gherrmann, will be despatched as above on or about SATURDAY, the 7th March.

Cargo will not be received on board after 3 P.M. prior to date of sailing.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

SANDER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 29th February, 1896. [281

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"CARMARTHENSHIRE,"

Captain E. Sincock, will be despatched as above on or about SATURDAY, the 7th March.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 29th February 1896 [486

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"TANTALUS,"

Captain Hannah, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 14th March.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1896. [396

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

(Following the S.S. *Palladon Hall.*)

THE Steamship

"QUEEN OLGA."

Captain Harris, will be despatched for the above Port on or about 15th March.

For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN & Co.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1896. [408

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 1100 A1 American Iron Ship

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E. W. Reed, Master, shortly expected from the North, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

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Hongkong, 27th February, 1896. [413

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 A. I. British Ship

"BRODICK CASTLE,"

Ferguson, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

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SHEWAN & Co.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1895. [1692

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 A. I. British Ship

"QUEEN ELIZABETH,"

Fulton, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

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SHEWAN & Co.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1896. [356

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE American Barque

"COLOMA,"

Noyes, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN & Co.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1896. [445

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 100 A. I. German Barque

"CERASTES,"

A. Peters, Master, will leave as above on or about the 20th March, 1896.

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Hongkong, 12th February, 1896. [322

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THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

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THE Steamship

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Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed *viâ* Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

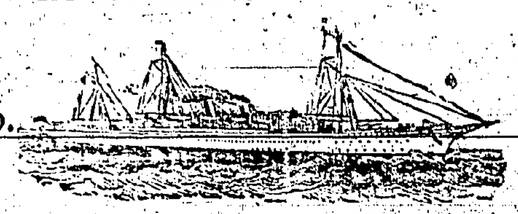
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Hongkong, 2nd March, 1896. [432

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Hongkong, 19th February, 1896. [3

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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Gaelic (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Saturday, 21st March, at Noon.	
Belgic (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea & Yokohama)	Wednesday, 8th April, at Noon.	
Doric (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea & Yokohama)	Saturday, 25th April, at Noon.	

THE Company's Steamship

"GAELIC"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 21st March, 1896, at Daylight. Connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai.

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Special rates (First-class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European Officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.*

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 6th March 1896. [2

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Hongkong, 4th March, 1895. [9

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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City of Rio de Janeiro (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea & Yokohama)	Thursday, 12th March, at Noon.
City of Peking (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)	Tuesday, 31st March, at Noon.
China (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Thursday, 16th April, at Noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship

"CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *viâ* NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA and YOKOHAMA, on THURSDAY, the 12th March, 1896, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

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Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

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Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, *viâ* Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

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Hongkong, 24th February, 1896. [1

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Strathleven ...		Tuesday ...	Mar. 10.
Tacoma	2,549	Tuesday ...	April 7.
Victoria	2,167	Tuesday ...	May 5.

THE Steamship

"STRATHLEVEN,"

Captain, sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 10th March, will proceed to VICTORIA, B.C., and TACOMA, Wash., *viâ* SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate; and *one copy must be sent forward by the steamer* to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1896. 4

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NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS: ALSO LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Preussen	Tuesday ...	21st March.
Sachsen	Tuesday ...	28th April.
Karlsruhe	Tuesday ...	26th May.
Prinz Heinrich ...	Tuesday ...	23th June.

ON TUESDAY, the 31st day of March 1896, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "PREUSSEN," Captain D. Hogemann, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on SATURDAY, the 28th March. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on MONDAY the 30th March, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on MONDAY, the 30th March. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

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MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1896. [447

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(SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS.)

Dorothea Rickmers.....	3,846	December.
Duke Rickmers	3,700	January.
Maria Rickmers	3,500	February.
Helene Rickmers.....	3,213	March.
Sophie Rickmers.....	3,249	April.
Ellen Rickmers	3,500	May.
Elisabeth Rickmers.....	3,500	June.

FROM THE EAST.

VIA SINGAPORE.

TO HAVRE, BREMEN AND HAMBURG, and other Continental Ports, if sufficient inducement offers.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM and ROTTERDAM).

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Maria Rickmers	3,500	May.
Helene Rickmers	3,213	June.

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Hongkong, 7th February, 1896. [393

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